

**Riceville Community School  
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy, and Fox Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn—Board Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Suckow-Principal.

Public hearing was opened at 6:29 for the 2025-2026 school calendar. No one was present to speak on the calendar. The public hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

Fox called the meeting to order 6:32 PM.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to approve the agenda. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, second by Eastman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and summary of bills. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Guertin to approve open enrollments 4 into Riceville and 2 out to Osage. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Eastman to approve Madison Turner- Para and Joan Grimm- Counselor. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the resignations of Sydney Byrnes & Marcy Jennison- Paras. Jaden Bohr- counselor on June 20, 2025. Also, Karen Hartman moving from full-time to part-time cook. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Guertin to approve Megan Ryan-Leifeld as a substitute Teacher. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Student Rep Miller reported on:

- Lighthouse- winter homecoming with Valentine sucker sales and no sweetheart dance due to wether
- Speech -many went on to state
- FFA – sub districts, FFA week, petting zoo, bowling
- NHS- Carnation Sales and Carnation Sales

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- Boys Basketball – Hosting a home playoff game
- Girls Basketball- Girls will host two home games
- Boys Wrestling—3 boy onto state (O'Donnell, Christensen, Praska)
- Girls Wrestling-Tori Koenigs made it to state

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- Fast Testing

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Meeting with Architects – on schedule with kitchen, Daycare will be having Prebid meeting and bid approvals.
- Tax Rates
- Meeting with Paras

McCarthy noted she attended the Mitchell County Conference board meeting. Also noted cell phones were still an issue in middle school.

Updates were given to the board on the kitchen construction project.

Updates were given to the board on the Daycare grant/construction.

A discussion was held on custodial positions. With the addition of new building we need to move form a 2.75 FTE to 3.0 FTE.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to approve the second reading of the 100 series board policies 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to approve the first reading of the 200 series board policies 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by McCarthy to approve the public hearing dates. 5 Ayes. MC.

- Budget Hearing #1 March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:25 PM
- Budget Hearing #2 April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:20 PM
- Budget Hearing to Amend FY 25 Budget April 21 @ 6:25 PM

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Guertin to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve Nancy Eastman to attend the annual School Nutrition Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas. 5 Ayes. MC.

Next board meeting will be held Monday March 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by Guertin, second by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting @ 7:27 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

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Karl Fox  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary